

# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Border Emergency Projects Chosen**

PHOENIX – Governor Napolitano today announced the award of \$1.5 million in state emergency funds for the Arizona-Mexico border emergency declared last month.

City and county agencies in Cochise, Pima, Santa Cruz and Yuma counties, the Tohono O’odham Nation and Department of Public Safety (DPS) will be receiving the state emergency funds along with an additional \$200,000 from federal homeland security grant funds.

The money is intended to help local government agencies deal with the increased threat to public health and safety along the Arizona - Mexico International Border. The Governor made the declaration on August 15 as a result of heightened criminal activity stemming from illegal immigration.

Projects that will be funded include overtime pay for increased law enforcement presence, detection equipment, equipment leasing and purchases for county medical examiner demands, emergency medical treatment and transport, and the DPS southern vehicle theft detail.

The money will be distributed to agencies as a reimbursement for projects running from August 15 through February 15.